IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HOUSE CONCURRENT RESOLUTION NO. 15

BY BUSINESS COMMITTEE

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION

STATING FINDINGS OF THE LEGISLATURE AND AUTHORIZING THE LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL TO APPOINT A COMMITTEE TO UNDERTAKE AND COMPLETE A STUDY OF THE FEASIBILITY AND EXPENSE OF PROVIDING SMALL BUSINESSES BETTER ACCESS TO AFFORDABLE HEALTH INSURANCE.

Be It Resolved by the Legislature of the State of Idaho:

WHEREAS, access to affordable health care and affordable health insurance is a huge issue facing Idaho small businesses; and

WHEREAS, small businesses find traditional underwriting practices make it difficult to provide affordable health insurance for their employees; and

WHEREAS, small businesses in Idaho find it more difficult to provide affordable health insurance to their workers than do larger businesses; and

WHEREAS, it would be desirable to have more Idaho small businesses provide health insurance to their workers.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the members of the First Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature, the House of Representatives and the Senate concurring therein, that the Legislative Council is authorized to appoint a committee to undertake and complete a study of the feasibility and expense of providing small businesses easier and cheaper alternatives for providing their employees with affordable health insurance. The Legislative Council shall determine the number of legislators and membership from each house appointed to the committee and shall authorize the committee to receive input, advice and assistance from interested and affected parties who are not members of the legislature.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that nonlegislative members of the committee may be appointed by the cochairs of the committee who are appointed by the Legislative Council. Nonlegislative members of the committee shall not be reimbursed from legislative funds for per diem, mileage or other expenses and shall not have voting privileges regarding the committee's recommendations or proposed legislation.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that the committee shall report its findings, recommendations and proposed legislation, if any, to the Second Regular Session of the Sixtieth Idaho Legislature.